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Applicant: Takahisa UEDA et al.

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Title: Annular Sliding Fluoroplastics Member
And A Method Of Producing An Annular
Sliding Fluoroplastics Member

RESPONSE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following amendments to the claims and remarks are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 in a bona fide effort to overcome the rejection of claim 22 as indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph..